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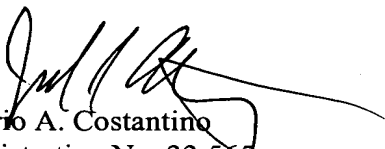
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- ☒ 2. The reference 1 and 2 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1 and 2 are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese references have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1 and 2.

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